

OTOE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
CONSTITUTION AS ADOPTED
MARCH 6TH, 2008

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the "Otoe County Genealogical Society," PO Box 465 Syracuse, Nebraska 68446.

ARTICLE II

Object

First- -

The object of this society shall be to collect and preserve all available Otoe County, Nebraska genealogical material, and to share ideas with anyone interested in genealogy.

Second- -

The Society will also assist in preparing and completing family lines, to be filed for future reference and to further genealogical research.

Third- -

To gather by degrees, a library for the use of the Society, composed of all obtainable books, monographs, pamphlets, manuscripts, etc., related to genealogy.

Fourth- -

To be known as an educational non-profit organization. All monies received will first pay for all operating expenses, and then the remaining balance will be used to purchase books and equipment for the Society. No part of the earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

Fifth- -

To raise funds for any of the foregoing purposes and to accept donations, gifts, legacies and bequests.

Sixth- -

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on under (a) by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Sections 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue Law) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue Law).

Seventh- -

No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall be carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Eight- -

Upon the dissolution of this organization, the Executive Board, shall after paying or making provisions for the payment of the liabilities of this organization, dispose of all the assets of the organization exclusively for the purposes of the organization in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). As the Executive Board shall determine, any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by the District Court of Otoe County, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Ninth- -

All of the foregoing are for carrying on the work of this organization for educational purposes and to operate solely for educational purposes as provided in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE III Membership

Any person who is interested in genealogy may become a member by paying the annual dues.

ARTICLE IV Officers

The officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The term of office shall be one year.

ARTICLE V Meetings

Meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month and workshops as called.

ARTICLE VI

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the Society's members present, notice of proposed amendment having been given at a previous regular meeting.

It was moved by Curtis Wolbert and seconded by Linda Worrall that we adopt the above Constitution as above. Carried.

Dated this 6th day of March 2008.

Curtis Wolbert
President

Kay Busekist
Secretary

OTOE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person who is interested in genealogy may become a member by paying the annual dues.

Section 2. Membership shall be classified as follows:

- a. Individual participating members.
- b. Associate members: Members living outside a radius of 100 miles of Syracuse, Nebraska.
- c. Only individual participating members who are members of Otoe County Genealogical Society and in good standing may vote and hold office.

ARTICLE II: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of office shall be one year.

ARTICLE III: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The executive board shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. Shall approve appointments of committee chairpersons recommended by the President. This includes the Librarian, Historian, Genealogist, and Auditing Committee.

Section 3. Shall carry on the work and purpose of the Society as stated in Article II of the Constitution. They shall have the power to make minor purchases, not to exceed \$100.00 per month.

ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and the Society; and shall call special meetings of the Executive Board and Society when necessary. The President shall also appoint all committee chairpersons with the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and shall assist in carrying out the work of the Society.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all dues and other funds received by the Society and shall keep accurate records thereof; shall deposit funds in a bank or other financial institution approved by the Executive Board; shall pay bills as directed by the President or Executive Board; shall submit a financial statement at monthly meetings; and shall assist in keeping a roster of all active Society members.

Section 4. Secretary shall record all resolutions and proceedings of all meetings of the Society in proper form, and shall perform all duties pertaining to the office; shall be in charge of all correspondence relating to the Society, as well as the issuance of all notices of meetings and other duties that shall help to carry on the work of the Society.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Society shall be from January 1st thru December 31st of each year.

Section 2. Meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month and workshops as called.

Section 3. At all regular meetings of the Society, the order of business shall be as follows:

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| 1. Call to Order | 6. Unfinished Business |
| 2. Reading of the minutes | 7. New business |
| 3. Communications/Correspondence | 8. Program |
| 4. Reports of Officers | 9. Adjournment |
| 5. Reports of committees | |

The presiding officer may modify the order of business as deemed suitable to the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

Section 1. Officers shall be elected at the first meeting in December annually and will assume their new posts at the first meeting in January of the following year.

Section 2. Term of office shall be one year for all officers, serving from January 1st, to December 31st.

Section 3. No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 4. Election of officers shall be by majority vote of those members attending the December meeting, if they meet the requirements of Article I, Section II.

Section 5. In case of vacancy in an elected office, the President shall, with the approval of the Executive Board, appoint a successor to serve until the next annual election.

ARTICLE VII: FINANCE

Section 1. The annual dues shall be established by the general membership.

Section 2. An Auditing Committee consisting of two members of the Society in good standing, who are not officers, shall audit the Treasurer's financial books no later than the 31st of December of each year, or at the change of the Treasurer's tenure, whichever comes first. They shall report their findings at the next meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended by a quorum consisting of 25% of the voting members present at the next scheduled meeting.

It was moved by Curtis Wolbert and seconded by Linda Worrall that we adopt the above By-Laws as stated above. Carried.

Dated this 6th day of March 2008.

Curtis Wolbert
President

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